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COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

SUMMARY. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TURKISH AND GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES SPOKE ON NOVEMBER 12 IN THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTE. TURKISH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE CHELIK URGED THAT DENKTASH BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK IN PLENARY, CRITICIZED THE BREAKUP OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND CYPRUS GOVT DRAFT RESOLUTION. HE CALLED FOR A SOLUTION BASED ON REALISM AND NOT ON A PREMATURE WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES, GREEK COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE PAPADOPOULOS CRITICIZED THE PROPOSAL THAT DENKTASH SPEAK BEFORE THE GA AND TERMED THE REAL QUESTION TURKISH AGGRESSION AGAINST CYPRUS, ATTACKING TURKISH NON-COMPLIANCE WITH GA RESOLUTION 3212. HE CHARGED THAT THE TURKS WERE COLONIZING CYPRUS AND THAT TURKEY DESIRED ITS PARTITION. HE ALSO URGED TURKEY TO COOPERATE IN INVESTIGATION OF WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING PERSONS. NUMEROUS ACRIMONIOUS RIGHTS OF REPLY WERE EXERCISED BY BOTH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES, GREECE, TURKEY, AND CYPRUS. END SUMMARY.

 ${\tt 1.}\ {\tt TURKISH}\ {\tt CYPRIOT}\ {\tt REPRESENTATIVE}\ {\tt CHELIK}\ {\tt BEGAN}\ {\tt BY}\ {\tt CALLING}\ {\tt ON}\ {\tt UNCLASSIFIED}$

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THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY TO DROP THE PRETENCE THAT CYPRUS

PROBLEM BEGAN IN 1974, NOTING THAT FOR TURKS PROBLEM STARTED IN 1954. HE URGED SEVERAL TIMES IN THE COURSE OF HIS STATEMENT THAT CYPRUS VICE PRESIDENT DENKTASH BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK IN PLENARY. HE CRITICIZED BREAKUP OF THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS AND ACCUSED THE GREEK COMMUNITY OF PUTTING FORTH ONE-SIDED RESOLUTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS THAT IGNORE THE "POSITIVE RESULTS" OF THE VIENNA TALKS. HE DEPICTED THE UNHAPPY LOT OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY IN CYPRUS BETWEEN INDPENDENCE AND 1974 IN DETAILED TERMS AND CHARGED MAKARIOS AND OTHER GREEKS WITH NEVER GIVING UP DESIRE FOR ENOSIS. CRITICIZING THE PROPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTION, HE CALLED FOR A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM BASED ON REALISM AND NOT ON A PREMATURE PULLOUT OF TURKISH FORCES.

- 2. IN THE AFTERNOON, GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE PAPADOPOULOS REJECTED IDEA OF DENKTASH SPEAKING BEFORE THE GA, STATING THIS WOULD BE A SYMBOL OF PARTITION. THE REAL QUESTION, HE SAID, WAS THE AGGRESSION OF TURKEY AGAINST WEEK NON-ALIGNED CYPRUS, AND, CITING THE LIMA CONFERENCE AND GA RESOLUTION 3212, HE CRITICIZED TURKISH NON-COMPLIANCE AND REFUSAL TO WITHDRAWITS TROOPS AND ALLOW REFUGEES TO RETURN. HE SAID PROGNOSIS FOR INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS WAS GLOOMY; WHILE GREEK CYPRIOT PARTICIPATION HAD BEEEN SINCERE, THE TURKS HAD FAILED TO SUBMIT CONCRETE PROPOSALS. HE NOTED THAT TURKS' FAVORITE PHRASE, "PARTNERSHIP IN EQUALITY", COULD EQUALLY BE USED BY THE RACIST REGIME IN RHODESIA, AND HE ASKED WHAT ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF THE GREEK MAJORITY OF 82 PERCENT? HE CLAIMED TURKISH COLONISTS WERE COMING FROM MAINLAND TO CYPRUS AT RATE OF 1500 TO 2000 A MONTH SO AS TO CHANGE THE POPULATION DISTRIBUTION. IN CONCLUSION, HE URGED THE TURKS TO COOPERATE IN THE MATTER OF 2107 MISSING PERSONS, PLEDGING THAT NO EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO GAIN POLITICAL CAPITAL FROM INVESTIGATION.
- 3. NUMEROUS RIGHTS OF REPLY FOLLOWED. TURKEY URGED THAT DENKTASH BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK IN PLENARY. CHELIK THEN CHARGED THAT GREEKS WERE TRYING TO TREAT TURKS AS SECOND CLASS CITIZENS BY DENYING DENKTASH HIS RIGHT TO SPEAK. CYPRUS (ROSSIDES) ASKED WHAT TURKEY'S POSITION WAS ON GA RESOLUTION 3212. HE SAID TURKS COULD NO LONGER PRETEND THAT ENOSIS WAS A PROBLEM; ONLY PROBLEM LEFT WAS TURKISH AGRESSION. GREECE REPLIED THAT IT NEVER ATTEMPTED TO ANNEX CYPRUS BUT THAT TURKEY WAS ALWAYS UNCLASSIFIED

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THREATENING INTERVENTION. TURKEY AGAIN EXPRESSED THE DESIRE FOR THE RECONVENTING OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND ASSERTED THAT IT WOULD ACCEPT ANYTHING THE CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES COULD AGREE TO. CHELIK STATED THAT TURK CYPRIOTS HAD 800 MISSING PERSONS OF THEI OWN AND THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD NOT COOPERATED AT ALL.

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